

R. BONNER'S FLYERS.

orses that Have Lowered Their Records Since Going Into the Veteran's Stables.

acts Disputing the Assertion that He Has Not Kept His Stock in Training.

Time Made by Maud S, Harus, Startle, Pocahontas and Other Fleet-Footed Trotters.

Robert Bonner has sent to the World, over a signature, the following interesting letter: As your reporter called at my residence...

In the first place I will give him a shining example. When Maud S, came into my possession she was lame in her off hind leg...

Music, when I bought her, had a record of 2:14 1/4. She trotted for me in 2:13 3/4. Since I have owned her she has trotted in 2:13 1/4.

John Taylor had a record of 2:25, and he trotted for me in 2:19 3/4. Wellesley Boy, with a record of 2:26, reduced it to 2:19 1/4.

Startle, for whom I paid \$30,000 when he was three years old, had a record of 2:30. He "trained on" with only my yard driving to trot publicly at an advertised trial...

Maud Macey had a record of 2:27 1/2 when I bought her. She was the first horse to trot in 2:17 on the exercising track on my farm.

Manette, when I bought her, had trotted in 2:42 for Mr. Alexander, of Kentucky. John Murphy afterwards drove her in 2:16 1/4 on my track.

Lucy Cuyler had trotted for Col. West, of Kentucky, in 2:24 when I bought her. Subsequently she was timed in 2:15 1/2 on wagon on my track, and trotted publicly on Fleetwood track, half a mile, to a top wagon, in 1:55, the fastest time ever made in that way of going.

I could give many instances of horses training while in my possession, but I will content myself with one more.

In 1860 I bought from Mr. Johnson, the Baltimore banker, the well-known mare Peerless. At that time she trotted a trial in 2:28 on wagon, and was being trained by the great driver Hiram Woodruff.

On that day Mr. Parks and two other gentlemen went into the judges' stand and timed her a mile to wagon in 2:23 1/4, which, by the way, was the fastest mile Hiram Woodruff was ever timed in his life, either in public or private, behind a trotting horse.

I hope I have now satisfied the editor of the California Breeder and Sportsman that I own and have owned horses that have "trained on."

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